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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3-11, 13-15, 27, 31, 33-37, and 52 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 7, 27, 31, and 33 are amended, and claims 12, 16-26, 30, 32, and 38-51 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claim 52 is added. No new matter is added. Non-elected/withdrawn claims 16-26 and 38-46 have been canceled to be pursued in a Divisional Application. Support for the claims can be found throughout the specification, including the original claims, and the drawings. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 32-35 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The allowable features of claim 32, as well as the features of intervening claim 30, have been added to independent claim 27, and claims 30 and 32 have been canceled. Accordingly, independent claim 27 should be in condition for allowance, along with claims 31 and 33-37, which depend therefrom.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-15, 27-31, 36, 37, and 47-51 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Lu et al. (hereinafter "Lu"), U.S. Patent No. 6,742,221. Claims 2, 12, 30, 32, and 47-51 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. The rejection is respectfully traversed in so far as it applied to the remaining claims.

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Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the features of claim 12, and claim 12 has been canceled. Further, claim 7 has been rewritten in independent form and has been amended to recite that the second rotatable shaft includes grooves semicircular in cross-section configured to receive therein wirings of an electronic device in which the swivel hinge assembly is employed. Regarding independent claim 1, the Examiner rejected claim 12 indicating that Lu discloses “a spring-loaded step ring or disc (11) with a step section (111).” It is respectively submitted, however, that Lu does not disclose or suggest a spring-loaded step, and that one of ordinary skill in the art would not consider ring 11 and lug 111 disclosed by Lu to be a spring-loaded step. Further, with respect to claim 7, the Examiner argued that “[t]apered faces of respective platforms (101) at the second rotary shaft(s) are configured to receive wirings of an electronic device.” However, it is respectively submitted that Lu does not disclose or suggest a second rotatable shaft including grooves semicircular in cross-section configured to receive therein wirings of an electronic device in which the swivel hinge assembly is employed.

Accordingly the rejection of independent claims 1 and 7 over Lu should be withdrawn. Dependent claims 3-6, 8-11, 13-15, as well as added claim 52, are allowable over Lu at least for the reasons discussed above with respect to independent claim 1, from which they depend, as well as for their added features.

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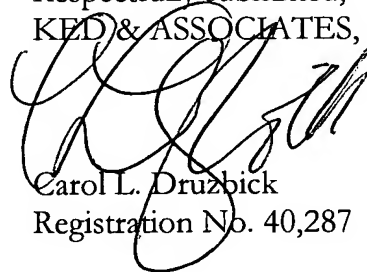
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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